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indicating its limited season to be of from six to eight weeks' duration.

Medford, Mass., April 22, 1882.

GEO. E. DAVENPORT.

**A propos of a Paper on the Vitality of Seeds.**—I think I can understand why a striking article on "The Germination and Vitality of Seeds," by Richard E. Kunzé, M. D., is "published by subscription of members of the Club"; but I do not understand why I am reported to give, in "How Plants Grow," "extracts from a paper drawn up by the Rev. Dr. Marks," the said paper being a circumstantial account of the germination in Illinois of some seeds taken from a rose-hip found in the hand of an Egyptian mummy, estimated to be about 2500 years old. I am sure there is nothing of this in "How Plants Grow," and I greatly wonder that any one should have supposed that I should have thought the account, upon the face of it, was worth mentioning, even for the sake of showing that it is quite fallacious. Dr. Kunzé can perhaps explain how he came to connect my name with this narrative.

Cambridge, Mass.

ASA GRAY.

(The above note has been submitted to Dr. Kunzé, who desires us to express his regret for having inadvertently copied an entire paragraph and credited it to "How Plants Grow," while only the first sentence of the note should have been ascribed to that work. The error arose through Dr. Kunzé's somewhat defective eyesight, which led him to overlook quotation-marks. We are informed that Dr. Kunzé has made an explanation to Dr. Gray by letter. The above disclaimer, with these few remarks, will serve to set the matter right with those who have read the paper in question.—ED.)

**Notes from Chemung County, N. Y.**—In my former notes from this county I neglected to mention that I found *Hydrangea arborescens*, L., growing on the rocks at the Wellsburg Narrows. This was in 1879. I have since found it in a cool ravine one mile west, on the north side of the Chemung, in the town of Elmira. I have no record of its having been found elsewhere in the State. It is certainly quite common in the northern part of Bradford County. I hope it will be looked for by those working in Tioga and Broome Counties, as I desire to know its geographical distribution. The elevation here is about 824 feet above tide-water. May that not influence its range into this State? I have never seen it in Steuben County, whose elevation increases westward. C. D. Fretz, M.D., of Sellersville, Pa., informs me that some years ago he found *Polemonium caeruleum*, L., in a bog near Apalachin, Tioga County, N. Y. I shall look for it there this coming season. Have *Poa caesia*, Smith, *Eriophorum vaginatum*, L., and *Lespedeza Stuvei*, Nutt., been found in New York State? Can anyone give me a station for *Carex cephaloidea*, Dew.?

Lowman, N. Y.

THOS. F. LUCY.